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AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A transaction card comprising:

a first metal layer which is continuous over the an entire area of said transaction card; a second layer comprised of metal;

wherein said <u>first</u> metal layer is coextensive with the <u>said</u> entire area of said second layer;

wherein said first metal layer and said second layer are in uniform, direct contact; and a recordable medium incorporated into said transaction card for storing information relating to a transaction account and configured to conduct a transaction at a point of sale terminal.

- 2-3. (Canceled)
- (Currently Amended) The transaction card of claim 1 wherein said <u>first</u> metal layer is provided on an outermost surface of said transaction card.
- (Canceled)
- (Currently Amended) The transaction card of claim 1 wherein said second layer is laminated to said first metal layer.
- 7-8. (Canceled)
- (Currently Amended) The transaction card of claim 1 further comprising:
 an adhesive layer disposed between said <u>first</u> metal layer and said second layer.
- (Canceled)

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 (Currently Amended) The transaction card of claim 1 wherein said recordable medium comprises a magnetic stripe disposed on said first metal layer.

 (Currently Amended) The transaction card of claim 1 wherein the <u>said</u> recordable medium comprises a magnetic stripe disposed on said second layer.

13-14. (Canceled)

(Previously Presented) The transaction card of claim 1 further comprising:
 a coating on an outermost surface of said transaction card.

16. (Currently Amended) The transaction card of claim 15 wherein said coating is comprised of a material selected from the a group consisting of silane, polyethylene terephthalate, acrylic, titanium carbonitride and a thermoset polymeric material.

 (Previously Presented) The transaction card of claim 15 wherein said coating comprises a dve for providing a color to said transaction card.

18. (Currently Amended) The transaction card of claim 1 further comprising: a pattern etched into said first metal layer.

19. (Previously Presented) The transaction card of claim 18 wherein said pattern is etched by a laser hearn

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(Currently Amended) The transaction card of claim 1 further comprising:
 a microchip embedded in said <u>first</u> metal layer.

 (Currently Amended) The transaction card of claim 1 further comprising: an oxide layer disposed on said <u>first</u> metal layer from an anodizing process.

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 (Currently Amended) The transaction card of claim 1 wherein said <u>first</u> metal layer is about 30 mils thick.

23-24. (Canceled)

25. (Previously Presented) The transaction card of claim 1 further comprising: chamfer edges around a perimeter of said transaction card.

26-53. (Canceled)

54 (Currently Amended) The transaction card of claim 1 wherein said <u>first</u> metal layer has a thickness greater than about 10 mils.

55-57. (Canceled)

58 (Currently Amended) The transaction card of claim 1, wherein said <u>first</u> metal layer is comprised of a metal selected from the a group consisting of titanium and stainless steel.

- 59. (Currently Amended) The transaction card of claim 1, wherein said <u>first</u> metal layer has a portion that is thinner than a remainder of said first metal layer.
- 60. (Currently Amended) The transaction card of claim 59, further comprising embossed characters in said <u>first</u> metal layer disposed in said portion that is thinner than said remainder of said <u>first</u> metal layer.
- 61. (Previously Presented) The transaction card of claim 60, wherein said embossed characters protrude from a surface of said transaction card.
- 62. (Currently Amended) The transaction card of claim 1, wherein said <u>first</u> metal layer is comprised of a nonprecious metal.

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63. (New) The transaction card of claim 1, wherein said first metal layer further comprises a pocket having four side surfaces and a bottom surface.

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